

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An optical disc camcorder comprising a base plate assembly internally loaded with an optical disc and a camcorder main body accommodating said base plate assembly, wherein:

said base plate assembly is swingably secured to said camcorder main body via a horizontal-directional rotary shaft; and

- said base plate assembly is provided with a weight so that center of gravity of said base plate assembly is set below said rotary shaft.

2. The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism for fixedly securing said base plate assembly to said optical disc camcorder main body whenever necessary.

3. The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising a stopper means for restricting range of swing movement of said base plate assembly in the periphery of said rotary shaft and also for absorbing shock.

4. An optical disc camcorder comprising a base plate assembly internally loaded with an optical disc and a camcorder main body accommodating said base plate assembly, wherein:

said base plate assembly is swingably secured to said camcorder main body via a horizontal-directional rotary shaft; and

said base plate assembly is provided with an

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acceleration sensor for detecting degree of acceleration performed by said base plate assembly and a rotation drive mechanism for causing said base plate assembly to be rotated compulsorily in the periphery of said rotary shaft in response to the value detected by said acceleration sensor.

5. An optical disc camcorder comprising a base plate being secured inside of said camcorder main body via damper and fitted with a turn table for rotating an optical disc, a spindle motor for rotating said turn table, an optical pickup system, and a seek operation mechanism provided for said optical pickup system, wherein:

15 said optical pickup system and said seek operation mechanism are mounted on a sub-base rotatably being secured to said base plate with a rotary axial shaft; and said optical disc is further provided with a skew sensor for detecting skew and a skew correcting mechanism for driving said sub-base to be rotated in a direction for canceling the skew in accordance with an output from the skew sensor.

6. The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, further comprising a rotary shaft for correcting skew at an end point of said turn table.

7. The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, wherein said skew correcting mechanism controls a position of said optical pickup system so as not to come into contact with an optical disc.